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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Samuel J. TREMONT *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1624
Serial No. 09/912,233) Examiner: Coleman, B.
Filed: July 25, 2001) Atty. Dkt. 161765.00195 (3356/01/US)

For: NOVEL 1,4-BENZOTIAZEPINE AND 1,5 BENZOTIAZEPINE COMPOUNDS AS INHIBITORS OF APICAL SODIUM CO-DEPENDENT BILE ACID TRANSPORT AND TAUROCHOLATE UPTAKE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. Applicants also request a two-month extension of time from September 16, 2003 up to and including November 17, 2003 (Monday) in which to file this paper.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$420 fee for the two-month extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733. No additional fees are believed to be due. However, if additional fees are required or an overpayment of fees made, please debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, as necessary.

A LISTING OF CLAIMS reflects claim amendments and begins on page 2 of this paper.

A REMARKS/ARGUMENTS section begins on page 176 of this paper.